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as taken over the Ouija Board

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TO
THOSE PEOPLE OF EARTH
WHO HAVE PERCEIVED THE NEW DAY
COMING IN ALL ITS GLORY
AND ARE READY TO ACCEPT
GOD'S NEW LIGHT

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IF this story had come to us through the usual channels, we doubt if it would have had more than the attention we give to things we don't want. An Ouija board we always looked upon as something for children to play with. A story over an Ouija board—absurd!

In the latter part of February we were spending the evening with some friends. Somehow the talk got around to a recent article by Ella

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Wheeler Wilcox in *Cosmopolitan*, then to Spiritualism, and finally to Ouija boards. We found that the latter were common in the neighborhood and we borrowed one.

The wife of the sculptor to whom the board belonged could work it with more or less success, but for no one in our party would it work until Mrs. X. (Katherine Davis) placed her hands on it. Then it did work and in a most alarming way. It told some things that were most embarrassing to us all, and did not stop at profanity. But it did work *and it was not pushed*.

“Could I write a story through

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you?" asked Mrs. X. later on in the evening.

Answer: "I will give it."

Question: "When?"

Answer: "Now."

And that is how *The Light from Beyond* came to be written.

The title, the author's name under which it was to be published, and every word in it were taken over the Ouija board, and no changes nor corrections have been made for that reason, other than such as the board itself instructed. Understand, please, this story was not written in one sitting, but during the evenings covering a period of about three weeks.

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A word about Mrs. X. She is young, popular, an excellent wife and a successful mother. In other words, she is a normal, happy, healthy, human being, and she could not have conceived either consciously or, to our belief, subconsciously, the thoughts given to the world in this book. Possibly Sir Oliver Lodge or Conan Doyle, or someone specialized in this sort of thing can explain it. We cannot.

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THE officials were greatly puzzled by the mystery. Who could be responsible? For Wells' peculiar theory seemed very illogical. He was acknowledged to be the world's most progressive scientist, but his explanation of the lost code messages was exceedingly startling to even the highest officials. Drilled in mathematics for several years, they refused to believe such a miracle could have

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suddenly been Wells' good fortune to discover.

You must remember scientists just eulogize when the ordinary mortal never seems to comprehend. Code messages sent by the Allies to Germany scarcely ever reached their destination. The strange fact was the Germans claimed they never received the armistice orders the Allies sent.

When men responsible for the codes claimed they could not fathom the problem, the Allies sent for Wells. He seemed to be the only one who could possibly know anything about such a peculiar mystery. He

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had the reputation of fathoming scientific problems other scientists could not undertake. His theory was that the mysterious lights seen in the sky, when messages of importance were sent, held some significance—partly because the only time the lights were ever seen armistice orders were sent to Germany.

Consequently, his theory was to concentrate on this peculiar light. The strangest part of this light seemed to be its brilliancy. The strangest colors fascinated Wells. He could see beauty in colors other people loathed. Men often said he had the world within when he started

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out to find the secrets which the elements do not care to disclose. And they seldom do give any information scientists do not struggle with for years. They guard their secrets very zealously from the world's prying eyes.

The light could be seen plainly with a telescope. When particular colored lens were used red rays seemed to cause the white light to become dim. Just then a pretty radium light, seen for the first time, entered the very way the red ray did. But the radium ray was not always in evidence.

Next thing Wells knew the white

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light seemed a small point of light which threatened to disappear altogether.

“Light is life.” Even the knowledge science has of light counts for little. Light is the life of the world. Without it nothing could live. Just think how the light brings forth the flowers. The little bud becomes a full grown leaf under its bounty. All nature holds its face toward the light. Yet people who need it most shut themselves away from its rays. Light just generates electricity as it travels. Men could use millions of volts and never even scratch what exists. The amount is unlimited.

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Light, however, is the power which makes electricity. Without doubt light wastes enough electricity to revolve another world. This may be incomprehensible to people, but strange as it seems it is a fact. The rays are concentrated bits of light.

Great lives have been sacrificed in efforts to discover what knowledge we have of the elements, but of the power of light rays we know practically nothing. Light enters the smallest astral crevice. Hope people will understand when I tell them light travels so fast men know positively nothing of its speed. Lift your eyes

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to God and eulogize the light whenever you see the sunshine.

Light could be used for several different things. Just, for example, take people that have brain fever. They see things which never existed so far as we know. However, every object they see actually does exist in some one of the planets. Light rays take them to these other worlds, but you don't realize why you see such things in delirium. Light can change your whole personality—in fact, just to show you why let me tell you the people you consider dead are living right around you in the light. They live with you and can see you just

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as though they had bodies. They are your influence in most things. The light, because God wishes them to be hidden from your eyes, protects them from your vision, but they live just as you do. Perhaps some day very soon the veil may be lifted and people will never fear death again.

This is another example of the power light has. Have you been with anyone when they passed on? You should never disturb them by weeping. It makes the change very difficult for them. I went in one moment and it was almost impossible for me to realize where I was for a while. I was completely lost until a

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former friend helped me. Then I knew, but I am right on earth except out of my former body, living with people I care for and doing practically the same work I did before. The saddest thing I have to contend with is people don't see me, consequently cannot believe I am with them. So you see what light can do.

The men in this war found it very difficult when they were called into the other life suddenly. There were so many we could not help them as soon as we should have. They were so helpless when shot to pieces, that it was necessary to have the older spirits to help them. Light is prac-

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tically our food because we do not eat in this world. It is not necessary for the type of bodies we have. They do not require the same form of nourishment. I could never explain so people could understand. They will, however, when they get here, as they all will some day. But if you only understood the power of light you would accomplish wonders.

How little we appreciate God's wonderful light. He has given us our brains to use and if we develop them sufficiently there are very few of earth's mysterious secrets we could not make ours.

Wells' knowledge of light was

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more than any of the scientists could boast of. He, among other things, had devoted a real sincere interest in colored lights which helped him now. He realized the code messages were being taken by some unusual means. It seemed to be the only way the messages could have been lost. The officials were extremely careful who sent them. Only the most responsible people had anything to do with them. Could foreign science have found something the others knew nothing about?

Wells knew a Madame Unger who lived in Hungary had discovered many things regarding light rays.

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She used a queer method other scientists knew little about. They spoke of her as a genius light expert. Wells knew her reputation well, so knew she was quite capable of any new discovery.

About this time papers in Germany began to print thoughts of prominent men when they had only just decided to do the things themselves and had not expressed their thoughts to anyone. They only seemed to print the thoughts, however, which pertained to the armistice plans.

This was alarming and it was decidedly up to someone to find the rea-

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son. They seemed to know secrets the officials themselves only just thought of. Wells was a bit puzzled by this new turn the affair had taken. High officials assured him the dread of this thing, understanding every thought was placing the Allies in a very awkward position. Surely Wells could do something.

He assured them they probably would not believe his theory even though they would realize there was no other solution to the mystery. Sometimes Wells could imagine a very proper man's thought greatly surprising whoever invented the instrument or whatever it was which

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took the thought from his mind when least expected.

Laughable, indeed, it would be to know what the average person thinks about.

Wells started work in earnest. He knew something must be done. First he tried several different kinds of lights for his telescope. He used first one color, then another, but he could always see the white light—that was the important factor. Just imagine if you can, red rays hot enough to burn a concrete building in one second. Just think of the power the red ray has.

The tiny light we see is but a frac-

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tion of what really exists. You have not the slightest conception of what I am trying to explain.

When a person enters the astral world he is dazed by its splendor. Witness the earth from the astral world and it appears the greatest ball of darkness imaginable. Mysterious as this may seem, I know the earth is the darkest of all planets. Oh, the splendor of the astral world you will never understand until you are here. Never dread passing on. When you feel your time has come, be the happiest of mortals. Can't tell you more because it is forbidden.

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Mighty few will understand what I have said. The sad part is they cannot seem to appreciate it.

Well, to resume our story.

Wells tried to discover what bearing the red ray could have on the mystery. He studied the light for weeks before the true meaning seemed to dawn on him. Then all at once he understood. But how to convince anyone else seemed an utter impossibility. What to do when the officials demanded an explanation was a problem. How could he tell them someone had invented a light powerful enough to take their very thoughts from their minds. Also the

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code messages from the ether when they left the wireless.

These were the facts, however, and the knowledge really made him afraid for the world. The question was how was it done. Wells could not explain that even though he knew it was some kind of an instrument. He did not know just what it was.

Just think every thought known. Some people would certainly find it necessary to change their manner of living. Mighty few could stand so severe a test. I should not care to have even mine known at times.

Wells told how he had discovered the mysterious light and people im-

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mediately pronounced him quite mad. Just as people naturally would when they could not understand. Every time anyone dares to attempt giving the world any idea which their small minds have difficulty in grasping, how they are forced to suffer. How advanced thinkers always suffer, and all because they do not belong to the earth but are here to be of service to stupid humanity, who never understands.

Wells was no exception. The Allies decided, however, to scare Germany. They sent word every code message they failed to receive would make things that much worse

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for Germany. The German officials decided to waste no time finding who might secretly steal the codes. The authorities would never have known had Madame Unger not understood her responsibility to the world.

Being a woman of principle, she told the authorities she had invented this light, which was the only one in the world. She assured them she thought the Germans were not to be trusted where Austria was concerned and had worked for the past four years on a light, which could take their very thoughts from them. She went so far as to say they were under constant surveillance. She used this

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means to be positive Austria gave only the portion allotted her by the Allied countries. She was earnest in the extreme.

Knowing her reputation, the authorities believed her, but were curious to see for themselves. She kindly offered to receive them and give a demonstration of its power. The authorities were a bit afraid of the light. But curiosity was stronger than fear, so the next day found his former Majesty Hindenburg on his way to see Madame Unger, accompanied by minor celebrities.

The light was on top of a building in Prague. The building was the

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largest in the city. So when I tell you the light was as large as the whole building you can imagine its size. Just to see it was wonderfully impressive. Little wonder I had decided difficulty explaining God's light. Even this requires the greatest imagination to comprehend.

This world is just beginning to read Heaven's secrets. Just when people will understand is a problem; so it will be difficult to describe this light. However, the red light was the main light which took the codes from the ether. This was very much larger than the white one. It was made of separate lights put several

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layers over and over on a big piece of red glass. When this was finished it looked like a big red sun which you have seen often on a perfect Summer evening. I can't seem to find words to describe how it was put together. The first layer seemed to be transparent. The others were made to be magnetic. Consequently the messages were recorded on the transparent layer of glass by means of light rays. The codes were easily interpreted by knowledge of mathematics.

Everything revolves around the master numbers. The supreme number is nine. Everything revolves

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around it. Nine is the master number because it is always at the end of every column.

The red light could bring by the magnetic rays anything sent through the ether. Just imagine the thought required to invent such a light.

The magnetic ray worked only when the sun ray was very brilliant. Little was accomplished at other times, so when this was a fact beyond doubt Madame Unger decided to invent some method of reading the thoughts of those who sent the codes.

The white light was just electrical vibrations which reached out its arms to every corner of the globe. The

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constant vibration took the very light from the earth and people wondered why the days seemed so cloudy. Where had the sun gone? They thought the war was responsible, but little did they dream of the truth. The white light was made of pure crystal and registered thoughts by means almost too peculiar to explain.

However, I will explain. Perhaps you will be interested.

Madame Unger held a piece of crystal in her hand one day to admire the perfect clearness of the stone. She found she was able to read the thoughts of those around her. When people see crystal gazers bear in mind

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they can without doubt read your mind. Madame Unger knew if she could invent a crystal light she would be able to take thoughts from any distance because they vibrate all through the universe. Hot waves of electricity send them. So after much difficulty she found a piece of crystal large enough to make a huge light. This was the tiny white light Wells always saw. The very air leaves you with the knowledge there must be a terrific amount of surplus electricity in the ether. With that knowledge they could use electricity. (Here are the facts, for since I lived on earth they have discovered very few

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new means for the use of electricity.)

You could go to Europe in one day if someone could invent a propeller made to run by electricity.

When electrical autos are used (Katherine, you will always be in court then) we can go five hundred miles an hour if we are allowed.

In the future you will have aeroplanes which will go even faster than this. They will probably be the means by which you will go to Europe in one day. This is a present possibility, not away in the future. Electricity will be taken directly from the ether, not by means of power

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plants. Consequently, there will be no limit to what we can do with it. Also electricity when people have reached a higher stage of knowledge will cure all disease.

The thoughts have a great deal to do with health. People little realize how a wicked thought hurts not only themselves but every single one in the whole universe. So we know thoughts are like the sun rays for every soul is affected by them. If, however, we live on a high plane of thought low thoughts do not reach us in the same way. When people put little value on thoughts it is decided ignorance and a great pity.

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Thoughts come principally from the other world. You think they are yours, but you reach them only because you have the capacity for receiving them. It depends entirely how you develop yourself. If you live only for the world and the things pertaining to earth you only think and receive material thoughts. When you seek the higher knowledge you begin to receive the thoughts of the people on the higher planes, and unless you wish to develop you never will. This is the difference between your world and ours.

We are at God's mercy and controlled by Him entirely. You

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can by using will-power reach for higher things. Earth is the only stage in existence we have that privilege.

Make use of every moment. We do not suffer bodily pain, but the remorse felt when we realize what an opportunity we had to develop and wasted is dreadful. I am speaking from experience. Don't waste your life. Get as far as possible before you pass on. We, however, make you see many things and you give yourself credit for the ideas. Just aim high in thought and we will do the rest.

However, to get back to the crystal

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light: Madame Unger put the light in the sun ray for she knew then it would attract the thoughts. To know whose thoughts they were was the problem. Sometimes the crystal light would show a perfect picture of the people speaking, but other times it was very cloudy and not possible to see who was speaking. So she invented another way to tell.

Tell the world this is positively a fact. It can be done and the earth is the only planet which does not know how sun rays can manage through electrical vibration to register every thought.

But Madame Unger, knowing the

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value of vibration, held the secret. The difficulty was to know how to read it, and when she first began to experiment it seemed utterly impossible. Suddenly it became quite clear. The thoughts could be transferred from the mind to her by sun rays and vibrations and she could even tell who was speaking. The way she could tell was she had known many of these people personally before the war. People will say this is impossible and ridiculous, but it is an absolute fact and the earth will know too some day.

The authorities were amazed by the facts they saw. As I read thoughts

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of people myself, I can understand Madame Unger's surprise when Hindenburg decided he would offer her any amount of money if she would reveal her secret knowledge to him. He suggested this to her and simply could not grasp the fact it was impossible to teach a person who had never even thought of such things before. He went away feeling very disappointed indeed.

When the news spread to England the officials gave Wells every possible credit. When people discovered he found the light was the means by which the code messages were taken they showered every praise on him.

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He decided, however, to see this light himself. The following month found him in Prague, reluctant to ask permission to see it. He disliked all Austrians and knew they probably had no particular love for any Englishman just at this particular time. Even so wonderful a person as Madame Unger must probably have decided prejudice against an Englander.

The way was made clear, however, by the lady herself, who read in his thoughts the longing to see such wonders as she had discovered. He went to call next day by special invitation and was cordially received by

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Madame Unger. Since they were both scientists they had much in common and Wells found her a charming hostess. Madame Unger was first a woman, then a scientist and also an unusually pretty woman. Wells thought it strange she had never found anyone she cared to marry. In fact, she never had married, but to please her mother had taken the privilege of calling herself Madame. It saved explanations.

In some ways, even he found her desirable. He ceased reflections and asked if he might see the light.

“Just what made you know a person might find a way to take the sun-

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rays and use them in this manner?" asked Wells.

Madame Unger looked at him a few seconds and realized he really was in earnest. Surely so progressive a scientist would know, but he did not seem to.

"Mr. Wells, don't you believe in God?" she asked. "Surely, if you do, you could never ask such a question. When I wish to find the sun's secrets I pray many hours every day. Should I wish to discover any secrets the earth holds, I would just eulogize the light. God is Light. He always answers my prayers. The people who never pray very seldom

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rise to any heights. Therefore I almost wonder at your question."

She looked at him in amazement. How had he discovered anything?

When she worked she had God with her. Therefore everything was possible.

Wells was much impressed with her. She certainly was remarkable—just to have the friendship of a woman like that was an incentive. Most women bored him beyond words. He had married a terribly frivolous lady when quite young and lived unhappy ever after. People who knew them were sorry for him. He seemed so utterly out of her

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small world. The fault was not entirely hers for she belonged to a different sphere, and was just as unhappy as he was. They had a grievance against each other most of the time.

Madame Unger seemed very wonderful in comparison. When he saw her light, knowing the difficulties she had surmounted to accomplish such a marvel in science, his admiration was increased a hundredfold. Words failed to express what he as a scientist thought of the lights. He was about to go when Mme. Unger knowing his thoughts said:

“Mr. Wells, I would be very happy

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to receive you any time you care to honor me by your presence. If my friendship can make life any fuller for you, the pleasure will be mine."

He thanked her for the kindness he had received and the lesson she taught him was engraved on his memory.

When she said God was the only means through which we ever discovered earth's secrets, she told him the most remarkable truth, and when scientists realize this, there will be secrets of the elements discovered we have not the slightest idea could be thought of, much less accomplished. When will people begin to

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wake up? The war has helped but it is not sufficient. It looks as though we need another lesson more severe than the war to make us realize.

However, this is the day of God and people will either listen to Him or take the consequences. Little do you know the wonderful day in which you are living. Just to live to-day is reason to be eternally grateful. Kneel down and give praise that you are living in the most wonderful time this world will ever pass through, and the people of this century will never realize this.

When Wells left Prague he felt

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life was good after all. It had a new meaning for him. When he reached England he read how the countries were trying to work out some plan by which future wars would be made impossible.

This was the true spirit. Realize the needless suffering humanity would be spared could the nations consolidate to prevent just such a cataclysm as the world had just passed through. Realize the needless angry thoughts sent all through the universe. The energy expended which might have been used in a constructive way. The lives lost to this planet when they were so necessary

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for the development of the earth. All this could be avoided in the future if people had reached the stage of knowledge he sincerely hoped they had. The big issue was, had they or had they not, because it is the only hope the world has to continue living in the universe. God has spoken: it is His command. We must put country aside and belong to the whole world. We must put race prejudice from our minds. We are all brothers. The League of Nations will be established whether we wish it or not because God has promised in this day we would see the beginning of the Brotherhood of Man on earth and

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the League of Nations is the first step.

Men are known to be the cruelest of any species. This war has been proof of that. They have, however, the ability to rise as high as their souls are capable of developing. That is the difference between man and animal. One can never rise above the animal stage, the other has the ability if he is truly God's child. We will only realize this when people have lived in the day of the Brotherhood of Man.

Wells had not forgotten the brother he lost in the Battle of the Marne. How he had disliked the

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idea of killing his fellow beings! Recently Wells had met a young Lieutenant who had been with him in those last hours and had realized the anguish he felt in the knowledge he had personally taken so many lives.

Wells, realizing his fine nature, could understand. Here was a boy trained not to be a murderer but to live his life with the desire to uplift humanity, not to be the means of sending some soul into the Great Beyond long before he was ready. Wells thought probably there were thousands more who felt just the same and yet they were compelled to

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do what the world thought was necessary. Of course, Wells knew this war was going to benefit the world eventually and was part of God's plan to bring the nations together.

It is not possible to-day to be an isolated nation. When the world was younger this plan was quite all right, but we cannot live to-day in a past cycle. We must look forward not backward as some people insist upon doing. So the nations must establish some plan. Realize how the world has progressed in the question of transportation from one country to another. In the past centuries wonders have been accomplished in this

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way, but we little realize how infinitely much more will be made possible in the next few hundred years. Where we now use boats for transportation in the future we will use the aeroplane.

I just make these statements to give you the reason why the world will in the future be even closer than it is now. Knowledge will be increased in a way people little dream of. We will have a Utopia right here on earth. Many will say this is far fetched, to predict a League of Nations could be the means of accomplishing such wonders, but without it the world can never even exist. How

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I hope you will realize what this really means. The world will be stripped if you cannot. For, as I say, God has spoken. This is His mighty command. He has been more than patient. Since the time of Christ He has pleaded. Humanity has been deaf to all pleadings.

Well, it would certainly be the beginning of a wonderful new world, and America was the logical nation to take the lead. She was made up of all nationalities in the first place, of people who must have been dissatisfied with their own countries, and consequently were in a better position to see where their countries

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might be wrong. Americans may feel they belong to the whole world because they are made up of all nations. Therefore God chose America to be the leader, and if you can only realize what honor has been conferred upon you, America will be the foremost nation of the world and greatly blessed.

When you hear people say we have nothing to do with Europe's affairs, what small minds they must have. Do you not live on the same planet? Are you not made of the same clay? Have you not the same capacity for developing your souls? Can you say then Europe's affairs

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do not concern you? You went to her rescue in war, you must help her now, and it should be in the spirit of willing sacrifice.

Wells saw now as he never saw before how badly the world needed a true Brotherhood of Man spirit. The reason knowledge would be increased was also very plain.

When people had a real interest in whether their fellow beings progressed or just managed to exist, they would see every person would have a fair chance. In America the foreigner would be compelled to learn the language of the country. And Europeans would be taught

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some one language whereby they could all understand one another.

What a necessary thing this was. Why had we never even thought of this before? Why, because the time was not ready. This world must remember it is just one small planet in the universe. And God controls everything.

How dare you think you can do as you please!

Well, you have defied God in the past, but now He has taken your affairs in hand, and does not intend speaking in gentle tones any longer. This is very apparent to every other planet but the earth.

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They never seem to realize anything until it is thrust upon them. Then they wonder why God has deserted them. Oh, foolish earth! He only knows punishment seems the only weapon to bring you to your senses. It seems to be the only way He can get your ear. Why are you so stupid?

Wells wondered just when humanity would realize it had had its own way as long as it was going to be allowed and now they would be forced to obey the Great Commander. Would they choose to do His will of their own accord or would it be necessary to wipe them from the earth? At any rate, God had

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spoken. Humanity could take its choice.

Wells shuddered when he thought of the responsibility held by the comparatively few men at the head of the various nations. When he read how they eulogized America he wondered if she realized the privilege of taking the lead in the world's affairs. But Wells thought when he was assured of Madame Unger's friendship and his new belief in God, life was certainly a privilege after all.

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